

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

1. (original) A medical device for insertion into an organism, comprising:
a main structure; and
a substantially rigid porous portion on the main structure.
2. (original) A medical device according to claim 1, wherein the main structure comprises a stent.
3. (original) A medical device according to claim 1, wherein the porous portion includes a porous metal.
4. (original) A medical device according to claim 1, wherein the porous portion is at least one of attached to or integrated into the main structure.
5. (original) A medical device according to claim 1, wherein the porous portion is attached to the main structure by an adhesion layer.
6. (original) A medical device according to claim 1, further comprising an elution material, wherein the elution material is at least partially retained within the porous portion.
7. (original) A medical device according to claim 6, wherein the elution material is a drug.
8. (original) A medical device according to claim 1, wherein the porous portion has defined therein pores having different sizes.
9. (original) A medical device according to claim 1, wherein:
the main structure includes stainless steel; and
the porous portion includes gold.

10. (original) A medical device according to claim 9, further comprising an adhesion layer including chromium between the main structure and the porous portion.
11. (original) A stent according to claim 1, wherein the stent comprises:
 - a stent structure; and
 - a porous portion on the stent structure, wherein the surface comprises a surface of the porous portion.
12. (original) A stent according to claim 11, wherein the porous portion is at least one of attached to or integrated into the stent structure.
13. (original) A stent, comprising:
 - a stent structure; and
 - a porous portion on the stent structure, wherein the porous portion includes a porous metal.
14. (original) A stent according to claim 13, wherein porous portion is at least one of attached to or integrated into the stent structure.
15. (original) A stent according to claim 13, wherein the porous portion is attached to the stent structure by an adhesion layer.
16. (original) A stent according to claim 13, further comprising an elution material, wherein the elution material is at least partially retained within the porous portion.
17. (original) A stent according to claim 16, wherein the elution material is a drug.
18. (original) A stent according to claim 13, wherein the porous portion has defined therein pores having different sizes.
19. (original) A stent according to claim 13, wherein:

the stent structure includes stainless steel; and

the porous portion includes gold.

20. (original) A stent according to claim 19, further comprising an adhesion layer including chromium between the main structure and the porous portion.

21. (original) A stent, comprising:

a stent structure; and

a porous portion on the stent structure, wherein the porous portion includes porous gold.

22. (original) A stent according to claim 21, wherein porous portion is at least one of attached to or integrated into the stent structure.

23. (original) A stent according to claim 21, wherein the porous portion is attached to the stent structure by an adhesion layer.

24. (original) A stent according to claim 21, further comprising an elution material, wherein the elution material is at least partially retained within the porous portion.

25. (original) A stent according to claim 24, wherein the elution material is a drug.

26. (original) A stent according to claim 21, wherein the porous portion has defined therein pores having different sizes.

27. (original) A stent according to claim 21, wherein:

the stent structure includes stainless steel; and

the porous portion is formed from an alloy including gold and silver.

28. (original) A stent according to claim 27, further comprising an adhesion layer including chromium between the main structure and the porous portion.

Claims 29 – 46 (canceled).